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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725 – 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, D.C. 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

TITLE: Importation of French Beans and Runner Beans from the Republic of Kenya into the United States

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0579-0373

SUMMARY OF COLLECTION: The Plant Protection Act (7 U.S.C. 7701 *et seq.*), authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to restrict the importation, entry, or interstate movement of plants, plant products and other articles to prevent the introduction of plant pests into the United States or their dissemination within the United States. The regulations in “Subpart-Fruits and Vegetables” (7 CFR 319.56-1 through 319 56-59), prohibit or restrict the importation of fruits and vegetables into the United States from certain parts of the world to prevent the introduction and dissemination of plant pests that are new to or not widely distributed within the United States. The regulations allow the importation of French beans and runner beans from the Republic of Kenya into the United States. As a condition of entry, both commodities would have to be produced in accordance with a systems approach that would include requirements for packing, washing, and processing.

NEED AND USE OF THE INFORMATION: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service will use the following activities to collect information: Phytosanitary Certificate, Registration of Packing Houses and Marking of Boxes. Use of these information collection activities would allow for the importation of French beans and runner beans from the Republic of Kenya into the United States while continuing the protection against the introduction of quarantine pests.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Business or other for-profit; Federal Government

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS: 2

FREQUENCY OF RESPONSES: Reporting: On occasion

TOTAL BURDEN HOURS: 3

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